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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT -- PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

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1. IN MEETING TODAY WITH MFA'S ACTING PRESS SPOKESMAN
A.D.H. SIMONSZ, PAO DISCUSSED PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECRETARY'S
VISIT.

2. AIRPORT ARRIVAL STATEMENT COULD BE MADE EITHER AT PLANE-
SIDE OR IN SCHIPHOL'S VIP-PRESSROOM. EMBASSY SUGGESTS FORMER
IN INTEREST OF TIME.

3. UPON ARRIVAL MFA IN THE HAGUE IT IS CUSTOMARY FOR CIP
CALLING UPON FOREIGN MINISTER TO PERMIT BRIEF PICTURE-TAKING
SESSION. NUMBER OF FOTOGS MUST BE LIMITED, SAY FIVE DUTCH AND
FIVE AMERICAN, BECAUSE OF SIZE OF FONMIN'S OFFICE. THIS WOULD
BE VISUAL PRESS OPPORTUNITY ONLY, NOT ORAL.

4. AS SECRETARY AND FONMIN DEPART MFA FOR SHORT DRIVE TO
BINNENHOF FOR LUNCH (TWO MINUTES BY CAR) THERE MIGHT BE FEW
FOTOGS IN STREET. SIMONSZ SAYS DUTCH SECURITY IS OPPOSED TO
PERMITTING PRESS INTO BINNENHOF AT ALL BUT BELIEVES IF U.S.
PUSHES FOR IT FOTOGS WOULD BE PERMITTED TO TAKE PICTURES AT
BEGINNING OF LUNCH SESSION. (BINNENHOF IS SERIES OF OLD,
RESTORED BUILDINGS, SURROUNDING LARGE COURTYARD, OCCUPIED
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BY MINISTRIES AND PARLIAMENT.)

5. FACILITIES FOR A PRESS CONFERENCE IN BINNENHOF ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION BUT WILL NOT BE COMPLETED IN TIME FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT. DUTCH, AS HOSTS, PREFER TO HAVE PRESS CONFERENCE ON DUTCH GROUND RATHER THAN AT EMBASSY. (ALSO TWO MINUTES AWAY BY CAR.) ALTERNATIVES ARE FIRST, PRESS ROOM IN MFA WHICH IS ADEQUATE, SEATS 45 PERSONS, HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF PROXIMITY, BUT INVOLVES A STOP AT MFA FOLLOWING THE AFTERNOON TALKS AT BINNENHOF. THE SECOND PREFERRED OPTION OF BOTH DUTCH AND EMBASSY IS VIP--PRESS ROOM AT SCHIPHOL. THERE IS AMPLE SPACE, IT DOES NOT ENTAIL A SIDE TRIP OR SPECIAL STOP, AND IT IS EN ROUTE TO THE PLACE OF DEPARTURE. SECURITY IS GOOD.

6. WE ASSUME ANY PRESS CONFERENCE WOULD BE INFORMAL WITH SECRETARY AND FONMIN VAN DER STOEL HOLDING IT JOINTLY. THIS IS DUTCH EXPECTATION AND WE RECOMMEND ITS ACCEPTANCE.

7. OTHER PRESS ARRANGEMENTS WILL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL ANNOUNCEMENT MADE AND TRIP PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE. DEPENDING ON NUMBER OF AMERICAN PRESS TRAVELING WITH SECRETARY WE MIGHT OFFER JOINT MFA-EMBASSY SPONSORED BUFFET FOR AMERICAN AND SELECTED DUTCH JOURNALISTS IN NIEUWSPPOORT (INTERNATIONAL PRESS CENTER OF THE HAGUE) WHICH IS IN BINNENHOF AREA. JOURNALISTS WHO ACCOMPANY SECRETARY TO MFA AND BINNENHOF WILL THEN HAVE SOMETHING LIKE THREE-HOUR WAIT AND WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO OFFER THEM HOSPITALITY.

8. POST PREPARED TO RECORD AND FORWARD ANY PUBLIC REMARKS MADE HERE BY SECRETARY. PAO WILL STAND BY FOR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN.
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